

REPORT OF THE WELFARE OFFICER

2005 was a busy year for this office. We have seen an increase in requests for assistance as more families have been in need. There are some households who do not qualify for State or Federal assistance and they have turned to the Town for help. My thanks to other Towns and charitable agencies that are willing to provide necessary services and aid. These organizations include Alton Community Services Program, Mrs. Santa Fund, The American Legion Post 76, Operation Blessings, the volunteers and area churches. We also acknowledge those who made financial donations and gifts of food, clothing, and household goods.

At this time, I wish to acknowledge the caregivers who work for the Heidke Trust Fund. They provide homemaking services to our senior citizens who wish to remain in their home as long as they are able. If you know of a senior citizen who is in need of help, information is available in the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall.

My thanks also to Russell Bailey – Welfare Director and Paulette Wentworth – Deputy Welfare Officer for their assistance throughout the year.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

HOUSING	\$18,936.13
FOOD	\$ 2,216.87
UTILITIES	\$ 6,101.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 2,782.86
TOTAL	\$30,036.86
HEIDKE TRUST FUND	\$23,383.07

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Welfare Officer

REPORT OF OPERATION BLESSINGS

Operation Blessings was established nine years ago to provide needy families of Alton with Thanksgiving food baskets. These baskets contain a turkey and all the “fixins” for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. I also provided senior citizens with fruit baskets.

In 2005 we were able to help as many as 43 families and 36 senior citizens. I am still always amazed at the generosity of the townfolks of Alton. We had over 33 contributions this year. Thank you so much for your caring of those in need.

I would like to thank Sheri, my deputy, for all her help and everyone for their generosity and the time and effort that was put into this special project. Thank you to the drivers, for delivering these baskets. Your assistance was again a big help and greatly appreciated. Hope to see you next year for another successful endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette M. Wentworth, Chairperson